

SIGNS POSTS TO SUCCESS.

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Nature's Family Name Is "Persistence."

Don't give up—look up! Disappointment and despair lie in the mud. Despondency never leaves the ruts.

The rainbow painter works in the heavens—inspiration locates his billboards in the air.

Ophthalmologists dissenting, it's the shadow and not the sun that blinds.

Moles and cave-fish belong to the lowest orders of life—when vision is gone, then degeneracy begins.

Darkness clings to the ground. Light comes only from above. There's a star for every man, but none are in the dirt.

Unwholesome, squirming, worming, dank, repellent forms hug the earth. The course of GROWTH is upward and eyes that do not lift and souls that do not soar and faith that does not mount, search vainly.

Ambition must have brave and eager wings and mighty spaces and broad horizons.

Tomorrow lies behind the hills and can't be seen unless you climb.

Today dies with the dusk, but opportunity comes anew at dawn.

While courage lasts, nothing is lost.

Nature's family name is "persistence." In the face of every discouragement, she continues in her purposeful, unflinching courses.

Contrary forces disturb her plans for a futile hour, but in the very echo of destruction's crashes and in the waste of disaster's ashes, her splendid optimism takes fresh root.

If the seed thrives, what matter if the tree survives? Stumble, fumble, tumble, but always start again.

What you once accomplish, you can repeat.

Pioneers move slowest on the outward journey. They must feel their way cautiously, over a strange road—it doesn't take nearly so long to return.

Familiar paths shorten the miles.

But you can't get back if you don't watch for landmarks, and you won't see them if doubt and fear bandage your sight.

Most men who fall down and stay down are kept down by cowardice.

Broken fortunes and broken backs can be remedied—when nerve breaks, the smash-up is complete.

You can regain any place if you retain enthusiasm.

Imagination is a magic wand. Turn it against yourself and it will destroy you. Hold it before you and it becomes an irresistible sword. Direction determines success and failure. If you start for the basement, you can't reach the roof.

You can only slide to the bottom.

THE HABSBURG FAMILY SPLIT INTO DEADLY RIVAL FACTIONS

LINING Up of the One Hundred and Twenty-four Austrian Archdukes and Archduchesses for the Fight Over the Succession Has Begun—Belief That the Trouble, Which Will Come With the Death of the Kaiser Franz Josef, Is Close at Hand—Only Mutual Respect for the Aged Monarch Keeps the Bitter Combatants Apart—No One Now Doubts That Franz Ferdinand Intends to Throw Over His Solemn Pledge and Make the Son of His Morganatic Marriage Heir to the Austrian Throne—Rivals Are Resigning From the Army and Are Preparing for Civil War.



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THE Habsburg empire is being split into two camps, which hardly ever speak and seldom even meet one another.

Of the seventy-eight out of the 124 who are old enough to have opinions, about twenty stand in with Archduke Franz Ferdinand, while about fifty are banded together to resist to the death the heir, his pretensions and his morganatic wife.

Members of the opposing groups no longer entertain one another or even pay formal visits; they are at present engaged in governing their common property interests, and so universal is the feud that even the army is divided in mind as to what will be its duty when the great crash comes.

"The great crash" is involved in the decision for or against Franz Ferdinand, which is inevitable when Kaiser Franz Josef dies. It is a European issue. For while the Austrian Slavs gravitate to Russia and the Austrian Germans gravitate to Germany, a civil war in Austria almost certainly means a general war in Europe. And at most within a few years, but possibly within a few months, Europe will be faced with this risk.

Austria's archducal feud reached its most aggravated stage this month, when it was announced that Major Archduke Karl Franz Josef, the next heir after Franz Ferdinand, would not attend the funeral of his father, Emperor Franz Joseph, and that he had been replaced by his cousin, Archduke Karl Albert, eldest son of Karl Stephan.

This announcement was sensational for two reasons—first, Karl Franz Josef always attends the funerals; second, he has hitherto been "orderly officer" to his uncle, Franz Ferdinand. He has now been deprived of this honorary rank. The story goes that Karl Franz Josef, angered by the pretensions of Duchess Sophie Hohenberg, and encouraged by his ambitious mother, Archduchess Maria Josefa, himself asked to be relieved from orderly duty and refused to attend the funeral.

vers except in his capacity of regimental officer.

When he was last in Vienna, Duchess Sophie asked him to run on an errand for her. As wife of his superior, Franz Ferdinand, she might have done this if she had been a complete archduchess, and young Archduke Karl interpreted her act as a pretense to such rank. As that meant excluding him, his wife, Archduchess Zita, and future children from the imperial throne, he showed his resentment by applying to be relieved of his rank of orderly. The immediate result was that Karl Franz Josef and his wife were ignored at the court festivities. That means that Franz Ferdinand is in complete control of the Hofburg Palace as well as of the army. Kaiser Franz Josef tried to soften the blow by presenting Zita with the wonderful library of the late Empress Elizabeth. Archduke Franz Ferdinand protested. The library, he said, ought to remain at the Hofburg. Karl Franz Josef and his wife Zita could have it when they became emperor and empress.

Karl Franz Josef's snubbing is only the first sign of the clearing of uncomfortable archdukes out of the army. Franz Ferdinand shows himself every day more masterful, and every day weak Kaiser Franz Josef gives him more and more exercise of authority. As a result, the "majority archdukes," as they are called, are leaving the army. The "majority archdukes" are those who count among the fifty Habsburgs who are opposed to Franz Ferdinand. They are particularly strong among the kinsmen of the late Archduke Karl Ferdinand. All three of this archduke's soldier sons held high rank in the army; and all, though comparatively young, are now in retirement.

The last to go was the youngest, Archduke Eugene. Eugene is the handsomest man, and the ablest soldier among all the 124 Habsburgs, and he is the darling of the Viennese and Innsbruckians. He held the post of cavalry inspector and commander in the Tyrol. His natural military talents were so great that it was said he would have been a general still earlier in life if he had not been an archduke. Eugene's excuse for his retirement was bad health. His health is perfect. The real reason was that he considers himself a better soldier than Archduke Franz Ferdinand and dislikes Franz Ferdinand's way of running the army.

Eugene's offense with Franz Ferdinand was not only his attitude toward the succession question, but also Eugene's political views. Eugene is a resolute pro-German. He is grand master of the Teutonic order, and he dislikes both the Slavs and the Italians. In Innsbruck he was known as "the German archduke." During demonstrations over the Italian university question a German was killed by Eugene's soldiers. The archduke attended the funeral. Franz Ferdinand hoped to secure his ambitions by an alliance with the Teutonophiles. Slavs, so to him Eugene's Germanism is a bitter pill, and he determined long ago to get rid of the offender. It is now likely that for similar reasons the Archduke Leopold Salvator, general artillery inspector, will resign his post.

Another indication of the feud is that the great Habsburg family trust is being dissolved, and the trust millions in money and millions in land are being distributed among the individual archdukes and archduchesses. Hitherto the Habsburgs, the most united clan in Europe, ran their vast properties through the head of the house.

Trusts, stocks, shares, land, factories, fisheries, salt mines and oil lands belonging to the 124 kinsmen were all managed by the kaiser's "oberhofmeisteramt." Every one trusted Franz Josef, and with reason. The properties managed by the "oberhofmeisteramt" have increased sevenfold in value during the sixty-four years Franz Josef has reigned. With Franz Ferdinand future emperor, and a deadly enemy of two-thirds of the archdukes, this system became impossible.



ARCHDUKE FRANZ SALVATOR, The Austrian emperor's son-in-law, who stands in with Archduke Franz Ferdinand.

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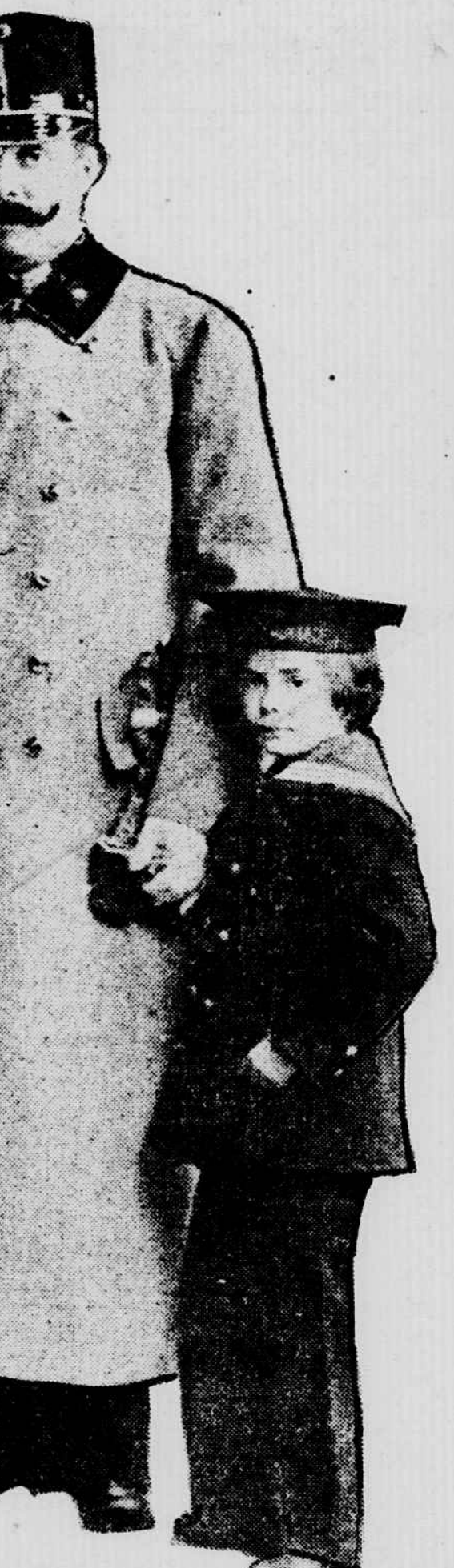


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After three years' omission and eleven Bavaria was made a demonstration of enmity. The kaiser could not come. The marriage was celebrated at the Wellburg Palace, Baden, near Vienna, under the management of Archduchess Isabella. Eighty-five-year-old Archduke Rainer, the kaiser's daughter, who is friendly with Duchess Hohenberg, refused to interrupt her seaside pleasures in Belgium, and did not appear. Dashing Archduke Eugene is irreconcilable.

A year ago when Archduke Josef August seemed dying of an operation in Budapest, Eugene visited the city, but did not even call to ask after his pro-Hohenberg kinsman. The Budapest press made remarks and brought out an official explanation that Eugene himself was ill. Eugene had been seen at the theater three nights in succession. Eugene makes no concealment that he will resolutely oppose Franz Ferdinand if an attempt is made



ARCHDUKE KARL ALBRECHT, Who has replaced the second heir, Karl Franz Josef, in his army posts.

to create Sophie von Hohenberg Empress of Austria. On him concentrate the hopes of the rival Karl-Franz-Josef faction, who secretly nominate Eugene as commander-in-chief in the expected contingency of civil war.

Few doubt that Franz Ferdinand will make the plunge. For six months past he has been begging the Vatican to release him from the oath that he would not make his wife empress and his eldest son heir. Every effort is made to placate the Pope. It was arranged that Franz Ferdinand would meet Kaiser Wilhelm and King Victor Emmanuel in Venice recently, but for fear of prejudicing his position with the papacy, Franz Ferdinand stayed away. Kaiser Franz Josef is resolute against changing the succession. He declares that if he did so it would rather be in favor of a nearer kinsman. By this he means his grandson, the nineteen-year-old Archduke Frank Karl Salvator. Franz Ferdinand by persisting loses nothing, and if he wins he not only gains for his morganatic son the imperial crown, but he keeps for his children also the vast properties left him by the late Duke of Modena, the head of the Este family. This property is now worth \$20,000,000, and it includes the fabulous Villa d'Este



ARCHDUCHESS MARIE JOSEFA, Mother of the lawful heir to the Austrian throne, who vows that her son shall reign over both Austria and Hungary.

at Tivoli, which, however, Franz Ferdinand would like to give away. Sometimes there are signs that Franz Ferdinand is making way. At the dinner given at the Hofburg to King Nicholas of Montenegro, Duchess Sophie Hohenberg sat between Archduke Peter Ferdinand and Archduke Friedrich. As morganatic wife she had no right to this place, and a declaration that she was no longer morganatic was expected. Nothing happened. At present the duchess is staying at Admont at the castle of Archduchess Marie Theresa, and this is taken as a sign that Marie Theresa has gone over to the Franz Ferdinand party.

Confusion will be confounded when Kaiser Franz Josef dies. Even if Franz Ferdinand makes no claim for his children, trouble must arise owing to the hopeless chaos of the Austro-Hungarian succession laws. The Hungarian and Austrian laws differ. The Hungarian laws of 1723-23 regulate the succession clearly, but they differ materially from the Austrian pragmatic sanction. Hungarian law requires that the sovereign be a Roman Catholic, whereas Austrian law says nothing about religion. Both laws say that the kaiser and king

must be son of a legitimate marriage, but the Austrian law adds that the father and mother must be of equal birth.

Because of this difference Hungarians proclaim that Sophie Hohenberg is their rightful queen, and that her son will be King of Hungary when Franz Ferdinand dies. The Hungarians are extremely touchy on the subject of their succession, and they are not likely to give up their claim when he wanted to give up his claim to Vienna was negotiating with Prince Eitel Friedrich of Prussia to accept the Hungarian throne.

As the original of the Habsburg throne succession law of 1713 is lodged in Rome, and the text of the Habsburg family statutes has never been published, there is uncertainty even among Austrian statesmen as to the relative juristic positions of the little Hohenberg boy and of Archduke Karl Franz Josef. Probably, however, not law, but the strong arms of the opposing factions will solve the problem. And if so, a second war of the Austrian succession is nearly in sight.

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Anecdotes Concerning Well-Known People.

The Idealist.

OSCAR S. STRAUSS, the progressive nominee for the governorship of New York, was talking at a dinner about ideals.

"We'd all be able to pursue—perhaps it were not for certain men, ignoble and selfish considerations that keep rising up in our minds.

"Your true idealist is impulsive. The false idealist, in the midst of some noble philanthropic effort, stops to think—and is never able to get started again."

Turning Them Away.

MISS INEZ M. HOLLAND, the suffragette, detests the male flirt.

At a luncheon in Newport, a male flirt sneered at woman suffrage.

"Woman doesn't want a vote—she wants a husband," he said.

"Nonsense!" said Miss Holland.

"It's a fact," the flirt continued. "The way the average woman worships man is amazing. Why, I myself have turned about fifty women's heads."

"Away from you!" said Miss Holland.

The Crowded Way.

"THE late General Booth," said a Salvation Army captain of Philadelphia, "used to admit freely that the only way to get a man to give up his bad habits was to carry on his badness—than the good man."

"Striking his white beard, he put the matter in a neat epigram one night in New York."

"They say the way of the transgressor is hard," he said. "At any rate, it certainly isn't lonely."

One Calls for Two.

MAYOR WOODRUFF of Peoria was sympathizing with a reformed character, who, as soon as his reformation became known, was harassed by a band of old creditors.

"One calls for two," said Mayor Woodruff with a smile. "Our friend must not only reform himself—he must now pitch in and earn a lot of money for his old creditors as well."

"It's like the Persian dictum on punctuality—"

"Be punctual, and, inasmuch as none are punctual, learn to be patient also."

Henpecked.

EDWARD P. GROSVENOR, who is conducting the government's suit against the harvestor trust, said at a dinner in Chicago:

"I don't see much a witness' words as it is the indirect significance of his words that reveals and illuminates conditions."

"A little, thin, elderly millionaire as his beautiful young wife swept out of the breakfast room whispered to the butler: 'Jamerson, is my wife going to the Riviera again this winter?'"

"Yes, sir; I believe so, sir," the butler answered.

"The millionaire coughed behind his bony little hand."

"And—er—Jamerson," he said, "am I going with her?"

Hint for Governors.

GOV. ODDIE of Nevada is famous for his quick way with office-seekers and professional politicians.

They say in Carson city that Gov. Oddie has invented a greeting for this type of visitor that is magical in its time-saving properties.

Whenever an office-seeker or professional politician manages to secure an audience, Gov. Oddie advances swiftly upon him with outstretched hand and the words:

"How are you? What do you want?"

A Narrow Viewpoint.

A DOLPHUS BUSCH, the millionaire brewer, was indicating in Pasadena the road to success.

"Do more than your employer requires of you," he said. "There's the simple secret of pointing successward."

"I speak in general terms. It is narrow to speak from your own viewpoint alone—from the old viewpoint. If you're a Rockefeller, the steel viewpoint if you're a Carnegie, and so on."

"To speak in that narrow way of success is futile—it is like the way the inanimate objects spoke in the old fairy tale."

"The secret of success," the stamp actor, who, as soon as his reformation became known, was harassed by a band of old creditors.

"Keep up-to-date," said the calendar.

"Aspire to greater things," said the nutmeg.

"Don't knock—it's old fashioned," said the electric bell.

"Do a driving business," said the hammer.

"Never lose your head."

"Make light of everything," the fire observed cynically.

"But always keep cool," said the ice.